



STAFF CONFERENCE 1974

THEME — “PROCLAIMING CHRIST JESUS IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Our conference theme was taken from the well known definition of evangelism which begins, “To evangelise is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, ...” What a wonderful theme for a society of evangelists!

The programme was divided between sessions with visiting speakers and sessions dealing with the Society’s domestic affairs. Those who kindly gave their time as speakers were the Rev. Frank Cuttriss, the Rector of St. James’, King Street in Sydney, who led us in a daily devotional Bible study from the Acts of the Apostles, The Rev. Charles Widdowson, Rector of St. Paul’s, Fairy Meadow in Wollongong, who spoke to us out of his experience of the charismatic movement in contemporary church life. The Dean of Sydney, the Very Rev. Lance Shilton, who led an Evangelism Workshop with special reference to the evangelistic impact upon the family unit in Society. And Mrs. Joy Morgan, a Social Worker who formerly worked with the Anglican Counselling Service in the Sydney Diocese, led us in a final session on the “Principles of Counselling”.

We owe a great deal to those who contributed so helpfully to our conference and from whom we learnt much of practical value to assist in our work in the days ahead.

To bring officers together in conference from all over Australia costs a lot of money. This is one reason why our conferences are held only on alternate years. This time the net cost to the Society, after contributions from officers and donations were deducted, amounted to \$676.00. A very worthwhile expenditure!



Captain and Mrs. Jeff Joy and their daughters Sharon and Heather, were one of the newer Church Army families at the conference. They have written a brief account of their experiences. Jeff and Daphne Joy are Warden and Matron of The Church Army War Memorial Hostel, “Burgmann House”, in Newcastle, where they care for about 50 young men.



We rejoiced in the opportunity of meeting and getting to know a little better, officers and families of the Church Army. Some we had never met before and others we knew only slightly. It is difficult to pray in a meaningful way for folks one only knows by name. Now we shall be able to pray for them all much more realistically.

We felt that everyone present had something to contribute to the conference, and, although there may have been division on some points of discussion, we were able to rejoice in the fact that basically there is a real understanding and union between the Church Army members. We must never lose this ability to see the other person’s view-point and to respect it.

Conference for our family was a time of peace, joy and fellowship. It was also a much needed rest from our usual daily responsibilities. We find it hard to free ourselves from our work at the Hostel and just relax, but conference enabled us to do this in a very wonderful setting. It was a delightful change for us to be able to receive such sound and helpful Christian teaching. Generally we are ‘giving out’ and we desperately need to sometimes also ‘take in’. The subject matter of all the speakers was well presented and interesting, each with a special lesson to apply to our lives.

Our daughters Sharon and Heather, both found conference a very rewarding time even though they did not attend all the sessions. They spent quite a lot of time helping to look after the younger children so that parents could go to sessions together. Part of their special pleasure was the fellowship with other Church Army families.

To us, the greatest joy was the healing service where some had hands laid on for healing. Truly our Lord answers our prayers and we humbly thank Him that He is still working miracles of healing today.

The business side of conference was also very worthwhile, but to our family the fellowship and sharing were the most important factors of the conference experience.

We are keenly looking forward now to another time of such fellowship at the next conference in January, 1975.



NEWS and NOTES

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY, CHURCH ARMY IN AUSTRALIA On 4th August, 1974, it will be 40 years since the Church Army in Australia became an autonomous Society.

At our recent Staff Conference, officers contributed ideas for activities to mark this special occasion. However, these ideas are still being worked out, and, supporters will be notified of activities taking place in their particular city or area. We hope that many will be able to support us in this way, and, if possible, encourage others to participate as well.

THANKS: We never seem to be short of reasons for offering praise and thanksgiving to God for His blessings and mercies. This also means that there are many Christian people for whose kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity we give heartfelt thanks. It would be impossible to list here all the thanks we would like to express, so will mention just some of them.

Christmas Appeal. Will all our supporters accept our grateful thanks for their gifts and especially those who have had no acknowledgement because they requested us not to send them a receipt. The total was \$2012.

Interest-free loans. We are particularly grateful to the six people who responded to our appeal for interest-free loans. To date, the loans total \$1,150, for varying periods of time.

Box Holder. Our special thanks to the members of the Girls' Hobbies' Club at St. Andrew's Church, Riverwood (A Sydney Parish), where Sister Campbell works. When their C.A. Box was opened recently, the amount was \$10.92, double that of the previous year.

A Lapathon. The "Saturday Club", a group from a parish in Perth, recently held a lapathon (i.e. swimming laps of a pool, for sponsorship, in case you're not familiar with such things). They raised \$45.00 for Church Army. Many thanks "Saturday Club"! Perhaps this is an idea which other groups could use — quite rewarding and lots of fun too.



Counselling people, especially young folk, who come to talk over their problems, is a regular part of the work. Personal relationships, drink, drug taking and sexual problems, abound.



The Teen-age Recreation Club is held each night and provides many opportunities for developing good relationships with the young people.



Camping is great fun and is a very important part of the work with the children and young people. This was a combined camp for boys from the Centre and from the local church.



The Junior Recreation Club is held each afternoon and also on Saturday morning. A great variety of activities are undertaken with this group.



Some of the camps are at beach sites. Captain Eland considers the most spiritually fruitful part of the work is through the camping activities.



The Centre serves the whole community in the area and so there are regular opportunities to take part in activities for senior citizens and other adults.

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The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, Malaysia, South Africa, British Honduras, Cyprus, Holland and West Pakistan

CHURCH ARMY PRAYER CALENDER

The following are suggestions for prayer, covering all aspects of the work over a period of 12 weeks.

- 1st Week: The Executive Board: (names on page 2) the bi-monthly meetings.
- 2nd Week: Federal Office: Captain R. L. Gwilt (Federal Secretary), Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew and Timothy. Sister P. A. Free (Staff Sister). Mrs. E. Burton and Mrs. E. Cottle. The Sydney Women's Auxiliary.
- 3rd Week: Newcastle Bookshop: Captain N.A.R. Payne (Manager), Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth. Mr. I. Lean, Mr. Wilson.
- 4th Week: New Housing Areas: Captain R. Harris (Youth Director), Mrs. Harris, Glenda and Kerry, Green Valley, N.S.W. Sister B.J. Rilatt, Lockridge/Eden Hill, Perth, W.A.
- 5th Week: Children's Homes: Sister N. J. Bridges (Matron), Farr House, Springfield, S.A. The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld. Sister E.N. Bacon on leave of absence.
- 6th Week: Aboriginal Work: Captain and Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Brewarrina, N.S.W. Captain A. Polgen, Sydney, N.S.W.
- 7th Week: Hospital Work: Sister I.B. Johnson, Newcastle N.S.W. and the work of the Newcastle Women's Auxiliary.
- 8th Week: Retired Officers: The Rev. and Mrs. J.S. Cowland, the Rev. and Mrs. A.W. Batley, Captain and Mrs. C. Fisk, Sister G.A. Phillpot and Sister M. Pritchard.
- 9th Week: Parish Evangelism, City: Sister E. Campbell, Riverwood, N.S.W. Captain K. Donaldson, Kalamunda, W.A. Captain and Mrs. R. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Randwick, N.S.W. Captain and Mrs. R. Wallis, Kingsford, N.S.W.
- 10th Week: Parish Evangelism, Country: Captain W. Darnley, Gladstone, Qld. Captain and Mrs. L. Fernance, Faith, Emmaville, N.S.W. Captain and Mrs. D.W. Hinchliffe, Dapto, N.S.W. Sister J. Leslie, Glen Innes, N.S.W. Captain S. Lister, Cobar, N.S.W. Captain and Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Campbelltown, N.S.W. Captain and Mrs. M. Tobin, Julie, Cootamundra, N.S.W.
- 11th Week: The Training College: The Rev. D.G. Livingstone (Hon. Warden), Captain F.D. Clarke (Training College Officer). Students, Kevin Cullen (Mrs. Lyn Cullen & Anthony), Lorraine Dorrington, and Florence Herman for Australia, Richard Dyer and Roy Argent for New Zealand. Mrs. Lyn Brophy (cook). All lecturers, Training College and Candidates' Committee.
- 12th Week: Youth Work: Captain and Mrs. J. Joy, Sharon and Heather, "Burgmann House" Hostel, Newcastle, N.S.W. Captain and Mrs R.G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Green Valley Community Centre, N.S.W. Captain J. McKnight, "Alternate Culture" groups evangelism, Binna Burra, N.S.W. Captain K. Donaldson, part-time Youth Chaplain, Diocese of Perth, W.A.